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##### The Army in Europe

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*Europe's Musical Ambassadors, Dec 12. The 120 Soldiers of the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus represent the Army's largest musical organization outside the United States.*

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##### Caring for Our Own

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*The Last Ocularist, Aug 24. Making artificial eyes is both an art and a science for this last-of-a-kind craftsman.*

*Amputees Battle Back, Aug 27. Advanced prosthetics and caring medical professionals add up to a better life for wounded Soldiers.*

*Each One a Hero, Aug 30. Heroes walk the hallways at the Army's burn center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.*

*Miracles on a Mountainside, Oct 46. An innovative program brought together 350 severely disabled vets for a new type of rehab.*

*To Soldiers, From the Heart, Dec 24. All over the country, Americans are working to say "thank you" to deployed service members.*

##### Community Outreach

*Fast Track Recruiting, Feb 46. Recruiting new Soldiers can be a challenge, so the Army Accessions Command sought help from America's fastest-growing sport.*

*Building Tribal Ties, Apr 16. Two hundred years after the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Army is helping American Indians preserve their heritage.*

*The Army's Bull Riders, Jul 44. A firm grip and iron determination are key when your mount of choice doesn't want to be ridden.*

##### Competitions

*Warfighter Challenge, Feb 20. Competing teams gathered at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for the annual Warfighter Challenge.*

*Best Ranger Challenge, Aug 8. Nineteen teams journeyed to Fort Benning, Ga., for three days of grueling competition.*

*Going For Olympic Gold, Aug 12. At least 13 Soldiers and three Soldier-coaches will serve Team USA at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.*

*Cooking Up the Very Best, Dec 46. The U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition serves up the best Soldier-chefs.*

##### Family and Quality-of-Life Issues

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*Military Housing, Civilian Style, Oct 24. The Residential Communities Initiative program is helping provide Soldiers and their families with newer, more comfortable on-post housing.*

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##### History and Tradition

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*America's Flag, Jun 32. An ongoing restoration effort will ensure that the original "Star-Spangled Banner" continues to wave.*

*Reliving an Expedition, Jun 34. A member of the Montana Army National Guard is preparing to retrace the steps of Lewis and Clark.*

*Honoring Their Sacrifice, Jun 40. The new National World War II Memorial honors military and civilian veterans of the conflict.*

*Back to Normandy, Sep 44. Active-duty Soldiers and veterans journey to France to commemorate "The Longest Day."*

*Requiem for Mount Vernon, Dec 28. The Army says farewell to an historic chapel.*

##### Legal Forum

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##### Missions

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*Fast Fielding for Soldier Systems, Mar 42. The Army's Program Executive Office-Soldier is responsible for nearly everything Soldiers wear and carry in a tactical environment.*

*Guarding MFO Skies, May 28. The venerable UH-1H is a vital part of the Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt.*

*Managing Major Movements, May 44. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command — formerly the Military Traffic Management Command — is implementing the largest movement of American military equipment since World War II.*

*Captured Enemy Ammunition, Jun 26. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is helping to destroy thousands of tons of Iraqi munitions.*

*Backing the MP Force, Aug 16. Some 200 National Guard artillerymen are training to serve as MPs as part of the war on terrorism.*

*The Army's Nerve Center, Sep 17. The Army Operations Center is the conduit that connects field commanders with senior leaders.*

*Putting the Army Ashore, Sep 20. Soldier-marines of the 7th Transportation Group demonstrated a vital logistics capability during a recent exercise at Fort Story, Va.*

*The Army's Police, Nov 14. Skilled at switching between roles in public order and war, military police have become leading players in the Army's war on terrorism.*

*Inside Cheyenne Mountain, Nov 44. From outer space to local skies, no aircraft goes unchecked by the trackers at Cheyenne Mountain.*

*Hail to the Chief, Dec 8. Soldiers play a vital role in the inauguration of the nation's presidents.*

##### Moving an Army at War

*Troops In, Troops Out, Jul 8. Soldiers were on the move worldwide as the Army undertook the largest troop movement in 60 years.*

*Deploying the "Big Red One," Jul 14. Some 12,000 members of the 1st Infantry Division deployed from Germany to Iraq.*

*"All-American" Homecoming, Jul 16. Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division came home to a rousing welcome.*

*Welcoming Soldiers Home, Jul 20. At posts throughout the Army, friends and family members celebrated their warriors' return.*

**Civil Affairs Soldiers Come Home**, Jul 22. When these reserve-component Soldiers redeployed, they came home from around the world.

### Moving the Army to Victory

**The Army Ships Out**, Jul 24. The Surface Deployment and Distribution Command managed the Army's mass movement.

**USAREUR's Movers**, Jul 26. Getting units and materiel from Europe to Iraq took planning, perseverance and professionalism.

**Keeping Up the Pace**, Jul 30. Keeping the Army moving is the 1192nd Transportation Terminal Brigade's specialty.

### National Guard and Reserves

**Guarding the Golden Gate**, Mar 24. National Guard Soldiers are helping protect a national icon from the threat of terrorist attack.

**Proud Year for the Guard**, Mar 30. The National Guard went to war in 2003 as it has not done in more than 50 years, while still serving in its traditional homeland roles.

**Preparing for Catastrophe**, Dec 30. Teams of Army and Air Guard members are training to react to terrorist threats against the homeland.

**Retaining Guard Soldiers**, Dec 32. New programs help the Guard keep valuable Soldiers.

### Off Duty

**Fun and Games from MWR**, Mar 46. This was a banner year for special events, cutting-edge promotions and package deals throughout the Army. **Staying Safe on 2 Wheels**, Aug 46. Freedom is at your fingertips on a motorcycle — but only if you ride safely.

**The Heart of a Soldier**, Sep 24. Singers, dancers and musicians — all Soldiers — stage a spectacular entertainment event.

**First-Class in Bavaria**, Sep 28. Soldiers, their families and DOD civilians have a new reason to spend vacation time in beautiful southern Germany.

**The Army's Paradise in Florida**, Sep 32. The southern United States is also a vacation possibility for those whose tastes run more to sand, sun and ocean.

**The Charm of the Cinque Terre**, Oct 44. Five small villages on the Italian coast offer a dazzling variety of recreation opportunities.

### Road to the Olympics

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### Schools and Training

**A School for Peace and Prosperity**, Feb 26. Lessons learned at the George C. Marshall Center have a positive impact on the security and economic development of the European community.

**A Meeting of the Minds**, Feb 32. Marshall Center conferences focus

on lawmakers, think-tanks and universities specializing in national defense and nongovernmental organizations.

**Lifesaving Maintenance**, Mar 18. Maintaining medical equipment isn't just about hardware, it's also about patient safety.

**Training Arabic Linguists**, May 18. In Monterey, Calif., the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center is teaching service members one of the world's most challenging tongues.

**Back to the Basics**, May 24. At Fort Jackson, S.C., experienced Soldiers go back to school to earn the drill sergeant's campaign hat.

**Liberty City**, Sep 10. Innovative training at Fort Sill, Okla., is helping Soldiers prepare for urban combat.

**Training Troops for Deployment**, Oct 28. Soldiers of the Army Reserve's 75th Div. are helping ensure that deploying units are ready for war.

**Blast Detectives**, Nov 20. Students at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., learn techniques of post-blast investigation.

**Masters on the Battlefield**, Nov 24.

The Sapper Leader Course blends engineering and light-infantry skills to give Soldiers the edge on the battlefield.

**Earning the EIB**, Nov 30. It's just a two-by-three-inch piece of cloth, but some Soldiers are willing to shed blood, sweat and tears to get it.

### Soldier Issues

**2004 Pay Chart**, Feb 24.

**Cutting Down on Casualties**, Apr 8. Acting Secretary of the Army R.L. Brownlee has directed the creation of a task force intended to decrease by 50 percent the number of accidental deaths in the Army.

**Army One Source**, Apr 22. Army One Source is your round-the-clock link to valuable Army-specific information.

**Outfitting the Warfighter**, Dec 42. AAFES military clothing sales stores ensure that service members get the gear they need.

### War on Terror

**A Respite from War**, Feb 10. Soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom are seeing improvements in their quality of life.

**Staying Mission-Ready**, Feb 14. Maintaining a high level of readiness is critical for Operation Iraqi Freedom commanders.

**Troop Update**, Feb 19. The latest deployments to Iraq are intended to reduce the number of Soldiers in the region and speed the turnover of authority to the Iraqi people.

**Stryker Soldiers in Action**, Apr 24. The Army's Stryker wheeled combat vehicle has made its combat debut, patrolling the mean streets of Iraq.

**Paratroopers on Patrol**, Apr 27. For paratroopers of the Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade, duty in Iraq can be lonely, dangerous and challenging.

**An Uncommon Mission**, Apr 29. In Afghanistan to help train the Afghan National Army, Army Reserve Soldiers are easing the plight of the Afghan people.

**Honoring the Fallen**, Jul 46. An Iraqi artist helps craft a memorial to Americans who died while helping liberate his nation.

**War on Terror Review**, Sep 4. We take a look at some of the people involved

in the war on terror from September 2003 to July 2004.

**First Line of Defense**, Sep 14. U.S. Northern Command's focus is on deterring, preventing, defeating and mitigating aggression or threats against the United States.

**Righting the Wrongs of Abu Ghraib**, Nov 8. Long before news of the abuses at Abu Ghraib broke, the Army was initiating changes to address the issues associated with detainee operations.

**Afghan Mortar Mission**, Dec 34. A mortar team provides on-call fire support in the hills of Afghanistan.

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